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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire  
Chief Clerk & Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC Requesting Approval of its Proposed  
Home Energy Improvement Program HEIP-6  
**Docket No. 2016-149-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed, and does not oppose, the request submitted by Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP" or the "Company") in the above referenced docket on January 24, 2019 ("Request"). According to the Request, DEP proposes to make certain modifications to its Residential Smart Saver Energy Efficiency Program ("Program"), in order to improve the Program's cost-effectiveness.

The Company proposes to recognize lower actual incremental costs, make its trade ally participation more streamlined and less costly, reduce its Program administration costs, recognize a three-year transition to referral-only channels, and introduce an online channel from which residential customers may obtain discounted energy efficiency equipment, products, and services.

The Company proposes to revise the Program tariff by removing the dollar amounts from the tariff. According to the Company, this would improve the Company's ability to quickly react to changes in the marketplace and increase the cost-effectiveness of the Program. DEP also proposes to remove the requirement that applications be made within 90 days of eligible work being

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completed. According to the Company, this would provide greater flexibility to customers.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'AM Bateman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrew M. Bateman

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cc: All Parties of Record (via E-mail)  
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